

Weekly Weather Crop Report

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There were 5.1 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending May 21, 1995. The main farming activities, according to the Mississippi Agricultural Statistics Service, for the week included: planting cotton, soybeans, rice and sorghum. Dry conditions have allowed good progress in planting row crops. High boll weevil counts are being reported in trap catches. Thrips, ladybugs and other insects are a problem in some areas. Producers are busy applying additional nitrogen fertilizer and cultivating emerged crops. Sweetpotato growers are starting to transplant. Hay is being harvested in most areas of the state. Soil moisture conditions were 1 percent very short, 9 percent short, 75 percent adequate and 15 percent surplus.

Progress in Percentages						Conditions in Percentages				
Item	Event	This Week	Last Week	1994	5-Yr Avg	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	Planted	99	98	98	87	0	3	25	52	20
	Emerged	97	93	97	81					
Cotton	Planted	95	66	98	77	1	5	42	46	6
	Emerged	82	51	90	61					
Rice	Planted	99	96	100	72	0	6	26	57	11
	Emerged	90	86	96	56					
Sorghum	Planted	88	74	77	65	0	0	45	47	8
	Emerged	78	65	65	58					
Soybeans	Planted	53	37	63	26	0	3	32	45	20
	Emerged	40	31	49	19					
Wheat	Mature	29	15	30	36	0	5	59	26	10
Hay	Harvested	30	22	29	23	1	2	43	51	3
Peanuts	Planted	95	75	90	53	0	0	3	47	50
Sweetpotatoes	Planted	10	8	11	23	0	0	17	83	0
Watermelons	Planted	92	85	92	86	0	0	32	56	12
Blueberries						0	1	5	76	18
Cattle						0	3	19	61	17
Pasture						0	3	23	58	16

County Agent Comments

"Dry conditions have allowed good progress in crops being planted. No majors problems with insects or diseases."

— Don Respass, Quitman County

"The cotton crop is essentially planted. Some rain late in the week, but not enough in some areas of county. Emerging crops are looking good."

— Doyle Varner, Jr., Tallahatchie County

"Good planting weather allowed cotton farmers to finish planting this week. Pastures are just beginning to grow with warmer nighttime temperatures. High boll weevil counts are being reported in trap catches. Sweetpotato growers are just starting to transplant. Poor ryegrass hay crops are being reported across the county."

— Mike Howell, Calhoun County

"Thrips are appearing in most all cotton. Treatment has been applied on many fields. Soybean planting is continuing where fields have been prepared. Crops are looking better due to some warmer days and nights."

— Thomas T. Baird, Sunflower County

"Overall, crop situation is looking pretty good at present. Hay quality is good, but decreasing due to producers being afraid to cut and take a chance of getting it rained on."

— Perry Kimbrough, Clay County

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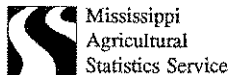
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Weather Summary From May 15, 1995 to May 21, 1995 For Mississippi

District/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				4 Inch Soil Temperature			Ave Pan Evap
	Max	Min	Ave	Norm	DFN	One Week	DFN	Rain Days	Four Weeks	Max	Min	Ave	
1. Upper Delta													
Clarksdale	89	53	77	72	+4	0.75	-0.37	1	3.60	92	62	77	0.23
Cleveland	92	53	76			0.56		2	1.48				
Tunica				71		0.64	-0.55	2	3.32				0.07
Extreme/Average	92	53	77	72	+5	0.65	-0.46	2	2.80	92	62	77	0.15
2. North-Central													
Holly Springs	88	45	71	68	+3	1.94	+0.79	3	4.37	85	61	75	0.23
Memphis	89	52	73	72	+2	2.55	+1.64	3	4.91				
Oxford	90	45	72	69	+4	1.37	+0.21	2	3.68				
Extreme/Average	90	45	72	70	+2	2.25	+1.22	3	4.64	85	61	75	0.23
3. Northeast													
Booneville	87	52	71	69	+2	2.53	+1.05	3	5.32				
Corinth	89	47	71	70	0	0.37	-1.01	3	2.17				
Iuka	86	47	72			0.40		2	4.01				
Pontotoc	88	51	72	70	+2	0.60	-0.42	1	3.09	87	65	77	0.15
Tupelo	88	51	72	70	+2	0.48	-0.73	2	2.21				
Verona	91	51	73			0.31		1	2.24	86	61	74	0.18
Extreme/Average	91	47	71	69	+2	2.53	+1.05	3	5.32	87	61	76	0.17
4. Lower Delta													
Belzoni	94	51	74	73	+1	0.25	-0.93	1	1.40	98	70	83	
Greenwood	92	51	75	73	+2	0.00	-1.23	0	0.56				
Rolling Fork	95	51	76			0.04	-1.11	1	1.57	95	75	86	0.23
Stoneville				72									
Yazoo City	92	52	76	73	+3	0.40	-0.91	1	3.16				
Extreme/Average	95	51	76	73	+3	0.22	-1.01	1	2.37	98	70	86	0.23
5. Central													
Carthage	91	50	77	71	+5	0.00	-1.09	0	1.11				
Jackson	90	53	74	72	+2	1.06	-0.44	1	2.22				
Winona	87	49	71	69	+3	0.57	-0.53	2	1.37				
Extreme/Average	91	49	71	69	+3	0.57	-0.53	2	1.37				
6. East-Central													
Brooksville	93	56	77			0.12	-0.82	1	1.80				
Columbus	91	50	74			0.62		2	1.59				
State University				71		0.61	-0.59	1	2.51				
Extreme/Average	93	50	75	71	+4	0.45	-0.71	1	1.97				
7. Southwest													
Crystal Springs	89	69	70			1.26		1	1.58	74	61		
Natchez	87	54	74	74	0	0.04	-1.22	2	3.18				
Oakley	90	52	73			1.64	+0.53	1	8.10	95	61	80	
Vicksburg	89	54	74			0.54		2	2.07				
Extreme/Average	90	52	73	74	-1	0.87	-0.35	2	3.23	95	61	80	
8. South-Central													
Columbia	93	54	77	74	+3	1.00	-0.29	1	6.05				
McComb	91	51	75	73	+2	0.77	-0.55	1	5.56				
Extreme/Average	93	51	77	74	+3	1.00	-0.28	1	6.05				
9. Southeast													
Beaumont	92	46	74			1.45		1	2.91	95	66	81	
Hattiesburg	90	54	78	73	+4	0.15	-0.83	1	2.87				
Laurel	89	52	74	72	+2	0.03	-1.05	1	1.53				
Meridian	92	53	76	72	+4	1.84	+0.68	2	3.43				
Newton	90	50	74	71	+3	1.60	+0.58	1	2.37	88	63	76	0.21
Extreme/Average	92	46	74	71	+3	1.53	+0.51	1	2.64	95	63	79	0.21
10. Coastat													
Bay St. Louis	93	53	76			0.00		0	18.42				
Biloxi	86	59	78	75	+3	0.06	-1.13	2	17.57				
Gulfport	84	55	75	75	0	0.10	-1.49	1	9.03				
Pascagoula	87	57	77	75	+1	0.70	-0.45	2	6.79				
Poplarville	90	56	77	74	+2	1.42	+0.39	2	6.81	93	67	81	0.25
Extreme/Average	93	53	77	75	+1	0.70	-0.45	2	6.79	93	67	81	0.25
State	95	45	74	72	+3	1.08	-0.10	2	3.72	98	61	80	0.21

Abbreviations: DFN = Departure from Normal

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